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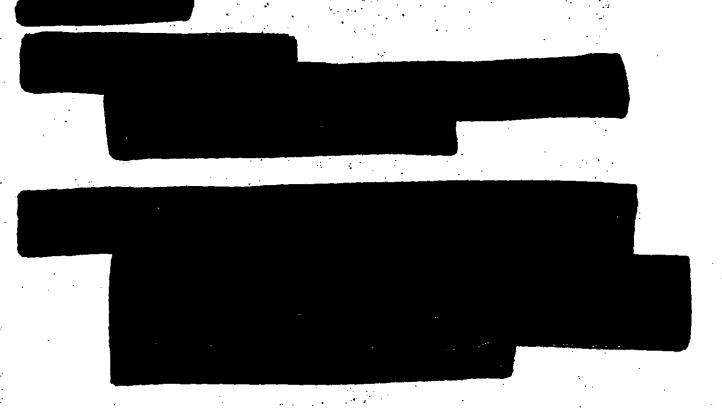
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OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JORGE A L E S S A N D R I , DENIED

THE CURRENT RUMOR IN SANTIAGO THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS

BEEN REACHED BETWEEN PRESIDENT EDUARDO F R E I AND ALESSANDRI

TO HAVE THE LATTER ELECTED PRESIDENT BY CONGRESS WITH THE SUPPORT

OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC). THE SECOND PART OF THE

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SUPPOSED AGREEMENT CALLS FOR ALESSANDRI TO RESIGN SHORTLY AFTER TAKING OFFICE, THEREBY FORCING NEW ELECTIONS WITH FREI BECOMING THE FAVORED CANDIDATE.

DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT ALESSANDRI AND HIS FOLLOWERS
SHOULD PRETEND THAT THE RUMOR HAS SOME VALIDITY, DESPITE EXPECTED

DENIALS BY PRESIDENT FREI, IN ORDER TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE LEADERS
OF THE UNIDAD POPULAR (U.P.) AND POSSIBLY PANIC THEM INTO

ATTEMPTING A PREMATURE GRAB FOR POWER BY FORCE.

POSSIBLY COULD LEAD TO DEVELOPMENTS WHICH, EVENTUALLY, COULD

PREVENT THE INAUGURATION OF U.P. CANDIDATE SALVADOR A L L E N D E

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ATTEMPT TO

CONVINCE FREI THAT GIVING PDC SUPPORT TO ALESSANDRI IN CONGRESS

HAS MERIT, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE FREI WILL AGREE TO IT.)

MAINTAINS THAT FREI STILL HAS MORE INFLUENCE IN

THE PDC THAN ITS DEFEATED CANDIDATE RADOMIRO T O M I C .

SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN EARLIER WITH ALESSANDRI WHO COMMENTED WITH NO BITTERNESS, BUT WITH



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EVIDENT SADNESS, THAT THE "PEOPLE OF CHILE DID NOT ACCEPT WHAT WE HAD TO OFFER." ALESSANDRI ADDED THAT HE CONSIDERS CHILE TO BE "FINISHED" UNLESS THERE IS A MILITARY COUP. ADDED THAT ALESSANDRI WOULD NOT PUBLICLY CONCEDE TO ALLENDE, BECAUSE IT IS SIMPLY NOT IN HIS CHARACTER TO DO SO.

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